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MANUFACTURING LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY DEVICE, AND DEVICE FOR
HOLDING SUBSTRATE

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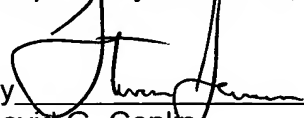
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